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REPORT OF THE SELECTMEN

TOWN OFFICERS.

PAID.

B. E. Blanchard, balance due for 1878, .	\$ 4 50
John H. Dinsmoor, " " .	7 00
Miner G. Frye,	7 00
Albert E. Simpson, services as supervisor, 1879,	4 50
Horace B. Johnson, " " 1879	4 50
Fredrick J. Hughes, " " "	4 50
L. J. Griffin, services as town clerk, .	25 00
L. A. Morrison, services as moderator, .	2 00
Horace Berry, services as collector, .	50 00
Edwin O. Dinsmoor, services as auditor, for 1879,	4 00
Lewis K. Fish, services as auditor for 1879,	4 00
B. E. Blanchard, services as selectman .	71 00
Joseph P. Crowell, services as town treasurer,	25 00
William D. Cochran, services as select- man,	66 12
Geo. E. Seavey, service as selectman, .	62 90
B. E. Blanchard, settling pauper claims, drawing jurors, and time spent on town business,	17 00
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	\$358 02

EDUCATION.

PAID		
District No. 1, town appropriation,	.	\$186 67
" " " literary money,	. . .	9 74
" " 2, town appropriation,	.	197 51
" " " literary money,	. . .	3 44
" " 3, town appropriation,	.	154 03
" " " literary money,	. . .	10 89
" " 4, town appropriation,	.	95 07
" " " literary money,	. . .	4 59
" " 5, town appropriation,	.	121 45
" " " literary money,	. . .	8 04
" " 6, town appropriation,	.	137 74
" " " literary money,	. . .	9 74
" " 7, town appropriation,	.	83 03
" " " literary money,	. . .	5 73
" " " dog-tax, literary money,	.	23 72
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		\$1,051 39

TOWN PAUPERS.

PAID		
B. E. Blanchard, attending to the Neal case,	\$ 1 00
J. H. Dinsmoor, for taking Peabody children to Orphan's Home at Franklin,		7 78
Miner G. Frye, for services and supplies for Mrs. A. G. Neal,	. . . . .	2 52
Geo. E. Seavey, 33 weeks' board of Mrs. Peabody and children, to March 10, 1879,	. . . . .	132 00
Geo. E. Seavey, for supplies for Peabody children and expenses conveying them to Franklin,	. . . . .	33 00
John Wilson, for assistance rendered Mrs. Orlando G. Neal,	. . . . .	40 00
David Rowe for board of Charles Daniels and medical attendance,	. . . . .	24 00

W. D. Cochran, supplies furnished Edward Bahan,	12 33
Charles E. Fegan, for support of Mrs. Nancy Davidson, 19 weeks, ending Jan. 21. 1880,	47 50
County of Rockingham, for board of William R. Daniels,	58 00
L. J. Griffin, supplies for Edward Bahan,	73
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	\$358 86
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TRAMPS.

PAID

B. E. Blanchard, for keeping 2,	\$1 00
George E. Seavey, for keeping 4	2 00
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	\$3 00
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COUNTY PAUPERS.

PAID

Wm. D. Cochran, for supplies furnished Fenton Bahan	\$19 67
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HIGHWAYS AND BRIDGES.

PAID.

W. P. Simpson, for plank, posts and railing for bridge,	\$11 26
Martin Fitzgerald, repairing highway,	4 42
Joseph T. Hunnewell, repairing highway, and for gravel,	70 60
Joseph L. Cottle, labor on highway,	4 35
Lawrence Lumber Co., bridge plank, 869 feet,	12 17

Dustin & Taylor, bridge stringers on turnpike,	10 42
J. C. Armstrong, for labor done on high- way,	1 80
P. S. Call, labor on bridge and lumber for railing,	8 75
George E. Seavey, labor on highway and sharpening drills,	5 49
Dustin & Taylor, for 521 feet oak lumber for bridge near P. S. Calls,	7 81
S. S. Alexander, labor on highway, . . .	90
John Anderson, " " 1878-9	3 00
J. W. Dinsmoor, " " 1879,	3 75
Clinton Evens, bridge plank,	57
Wm. D. Cochran teaming bridge plank for turnpike and Calls',	3 50
Wm. D. Cochran, labor and material for railing on turnpike,	11 40
Wm. D. Cochran, labor and material for bridge on turnpike,	5 91
John N. Colman, labor on bridge on turnpike,	2 00
Martin Fitzgerald, labor putting up railing, .	2 40
George E. Seavey, labor on highway, . .	2 25
Isaiah W. Haseltine, for widening bridge near B. F. Searles,	12 70
James Cochran, fixing road on common, . .	2 50
B. E. Blanchard, rails and posts for rail- ing bridge on mammoth road,	12 18
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	\$200 14

SNOW PATHS.

PAID.

George W. Noyes, spring of 1879, . . .	\$26 25
George Richardson, 1878-9,	12 30
W. P. Simpson, 1878,	6 60
Ephraim McDaniels, 1878.	5 40
Joseph L. Cottle, "	5 05

Patrick Hayes, 1879,	.	.	.	8	55
Robert Armstrong, "	.	.	.	6	15
C. H. Barker, "	.	.	.	14	10
A. A. Goodwin, "	.	.	.	16	50
Isaiah Dinsmoor, "	.	.	.	10	05
J. C. Armstrong, "	.	.	.	2	10
Sherburn B. Farmer, "	.	.	.	1	05
Horace Berry, "	.	.	.	9	15
Olin Parker, "	.	.	.	4	80
C. H. Davis, "	.	.	.	2	70
Martin Fitzgerald, "	.	.	.	8	10
Richard Esty, "	.	.	.	5	25
George Richardson, "	.	.	.	5	55
Wm. P. Simpson, "	.	.	.	5	17
C. B. Clark, "	.	.	.	4	57
Wm. D. Cochran, "	.	.	.	1	95
Charles Smith, "	.	.	.	75	
Gardner G. Robinson, "	.	.	.	2	55
Samuel Campbell, "	.	.	.	7	80
George W. Noyes, "	.	.	.	21	40
					<u>\$193 84</u>

ABATEMENT OF TAXES.

PAID.

Charles F. Wheeler, dog tax of 1879,	.	.	.	\$	1	00
John O. Lamson, " 1878,	.	.	.	1	00	
Jonathan R. Bagley, error in valuation, '78	.	.	.	1	95	
Charles H. Daniels, 1877,	.	.	.	85		
Edward H. Humphrey, 1877,	.	.	.	3	91	
Syreno Flanders, 1877,	.	.	.	1	96	
Elbridge Baker, 1878,	.	.	.	1	20	
Alanson T. Stearns, 1878,	.	.	.	1	20	
Syreno Flanders, . . . . .	.	.	.	1	20	
Edward K. Whittemore,	.	.	.	1	67	
Jesse Benton, 1879,	.	.	.	6	00	
Wm. B. Cochran, 1878,	.	.	.	1	30	

Alanson T. Stearns, 1879,	.	.	.	1	14
Wm. B. Cochran,	"	.	.	1	14
Robert Clark,	"	.	.	1	14
Frank Laber,	"	.	.		79
John Bartley,	"	.	.	1	14
George Illege,	"	.	.	2	14
Richard Esty,	.	.	.	2	50
P. D. Scott, error in valuation,	.	.	.	2	00
John E. Alexander, dog tax, 1879,	.	.	.	1	00
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					\$36 23

BOUNTIES.

		PAID.	
J. Q. A. Kelley, 6 Foxes,	.	.	\$ 3 00
T. W. Simpson, 1 fox,	.	.	50
Geo Webster, "	.	.	50
Charles E. Buttrick, 1 fox,	.	.	50
Louis Doran, 1 fox,	.	.	50
John Scott, "	.	.	50
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			\$ 5 50

HAWKS.

		PAID.	
Louis Doran, 8 hawks,	.	.	\$ 1 60
Charles Esty, 4 "	.	.	80
John A. Wilson, 1 hawk,	.	.	20
John Q. A. Kelly, 1 "	.	.	20
Geo. Haseltine, 1 "	.	.	20
Willie Colman, 2 "	.	.	40
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			\$ 3 40

MISCELLANEOUS.

PAID.	
A. W. Sawyer, for legal advice, . . .	\$ 5 00
J. H. Barker, printing town reports, 1878,	69 00

M. V. B. Greene, books and stationery,	10 92
G. P. Gilbert, painting out-house, . . .	2 67
Albert E. Simpson, public watering trough, 1878-9,	4 00
Albert E. Simpson, damage crossing field in winter of 1878-9,	3 00
John Colman, lumber and labor on out house,	28 79
C. N. Perkins,, ringbolts and sharpening drills,	1 75
Craig & Tucker, safe,	150 00
William C. Humphrey, damage on sled,	1 50
William F. Hayden, damage to wagon,	1 00
B. H. Hughes, public watering trough, .	2 00
L. J. Griffin, " " " .	2 00
L. J. Griffin, postage and express, .	1 00
B. E. Blanchard, "	75
B. E. Blanchard, time, car fare and ex- penses out of town,	19 30
Wm. D. Cochran, material to paint out house,	2 95
George E. Seavey, postage, stationery, etc.	25
Horace Berry, printing tax bills and post- age,	4 00
Frederick J. Hughes, public watering trough,	2 00
Wm. A. Dinsmoor, public watering trough	2 00
Abel Dow, " 2 years,	4 00
J. L. Griffin, supplies for town house, .	3 97
James Cochran, putting in foundation for out house,	5 00
B. E. Blanchard, postage, time and use of horse while on town business, .	7 50
W. D. Cochran, " " .	4 00
Geo. E. Seavey, " " .	5 00
W. D. Cochran, time, care fare and ex- penses out of town,	13 10
B. H. Hughes, carting town safe, . . .	1 00

James Cochran, town house and hearse,	10 00
James Cochran, cutting, fitting and housing wood,	9 20
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	\$376 65

LIBRARY.

PAID.

Charles Packard, treasurer	\$60 00
W. S. Harris, services as librarian, and covering books,	36 00
J. H. Barker printing 1000 library cards,	6 00
Charles Packard for procuring and covering books,	5 60
Charles Packard, for procuring books and examining library,	2 00
John B. Clark, for printing 1000 book regulations,	2 87
E. N. Hutchins & Co., lumber for library shelves,	15 00
Pedrick & Closson for curtains, fixtures and cloth,	9 50
Moses C. Paige, for masonry,	1 25
C. R. Mason, for hardware,	1 42
Wm. K. Milner, for labor on library shelves,	16 10
Wm. K. Milner, for material furnished, .	29
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	\$156 03

RECAPITULATION.

Whole amount received and due the treasury, for 1879	\$6,395 19
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	\$6,395 19

PAID

State tax,	\$ 772 00
County tax,	1,037 56

Town Officers,	359 02
For education,	1,051 39
Snow paths,	193 84
Abatement of taxes,	36 23
Miscellaneous,	376 65
County paupers,	19 67
Town paupers,	358 86
Highway receipts for 1878 and 1879, .	1,214 43
Highways and bridges,	200 14
Tramps,	3 00
Bounty on foxes,	5 50
" " hawks,	3 40
Library,	156 03
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	\$5,787 72
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Total assets,	\$607 47
Outstanding order No. 55,	4 35
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	\$611 82
Estimated highway receipts outstanding,	150 00
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Balance in favor of town,	\$461 82
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Respectfully submitted,

B. E. BLANCHARD, } *Selectmen*
 W. D. COCHRAN, } *of*
 GEO. E. SEAVEY, } *Windham.*

We, the undersigned, auditors, have examined the above accounts, and find them correctly cast, and properly vouched.

EDWIN O. DINSMOOR, } *Auditors.*
 LEWIS L. FISH, }

TOWN HOUSE

PAID.

James Cochran, care town house and hearse,	10 00
James Cochran, cutting fitting and hous- ing 3 1-2 cords wood,	9 20
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	\$19 20
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CR.

W. Kittredge, by cash, Jan. 1, 1880,	50
P. Atwood, " Feb. 11, "	5 00
C. H. Lambert, " " 19, "	1 00
Jubilee Concert, " " 20, "	2 00
Philharmonic, "	3 00
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	\$11 50
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MINISTERIAL FUND.

Report of the Agent.

Dr.

To two bonds against the city of Manchester,	\$1,500 00
Amount in Manchester Savings Bank, .	487 94
Interest on money in bank,	19 48
Interest on bonds,	90 00
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	\$2,097 42
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Cr.

By two bonds against the city of Manchester,	1,500 00
Money in Manchester Savings Bank .	487 94
Paid interest on bank, to Presbyterian religious society,	19 48
Paid interest on bonds to Presbyterian religious society,	90 00
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	\$2,097 42
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SAMUEL CAMPBELL, *Agent.*

TREASURER'S REPORT.

The treasurer respectfully submits the following report for the year ending March 1st, 1880.

Dr.	
To cash in Treasury March 1, 1879,	\$365 92
Due from collector, 1876,	5 00
“ interest “ “	50
“ from “ 1877,	10 00
“ interest “ “	1 00
“ from “ 1878,	321 35
“ interest “ “	3 00
Amount of taxes assessed for the year 1879, and made payable to the treasurer,	4,890 40
Tax on dogs,	64 00
Received of State treasurer as railroad tax,	310 41
Received of the State treasurer as savings bank tax,	314 27
Received of the State treasurer as literary fund,	52 17
Received of county for aid of county paupers,	22 42
Received for license of A. Dow's bowling alley,	9 50

Received of State treasurer for bounties	
on foxes and hawks,	12 30
Received for use of town hall,	11 50
Received of collector 1879, as interest,	1 45
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	\$6,395 19

CR.

By paid 148 orders amounting to	\$2,759 38
" State tax,	772 00
" county tax,	1,037 56
" highway receipts, 1878,	158 22
" " " 1879,	1,056 21
Due from collector 1876 with interest,	3 41
" " 1877 " "	5 50
" " 1878 " "	11 00
" " 1879 " "	244 69
Cash in treasury March 1, 1880,	347 22
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	\$6,395 19

STANDING OF THE TREASURY.

Due from collector 1876,	\$ 3 10
" " " interest,	31
" " 1877,	5 00
" " " interest,	50
" " 1878,	10 00
" " " interest,	1 00
" " 1879,	242 19
" " " interest,	2 50
Cash in treasury March 1, 1880,	347 22
Total assets,	\$611 82
Estimated highway receipts outstanding,	150 00
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Balance in favor of the town March 1, 1880,	\$461 82

RECAPITULATION.

Whole amount received and due the treasury,	\$6,395 19
PAID.	
148 orders amounting to, . . .	\$2,759 38
State tax,	772 00
County tax,	1,037 56
Highway receipts, 1878, . . .	158 22
Highway receipts, 1879, . . .	1,056 21
Highway receipts outstanding, . . .	150 00
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	\$5,933 37
Balance in favor of town,	\$461 82
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J. P. CROWELL, *Treasurer.*

We, the undersigned, auditors, have examined the above accounts and find them correctly cast and properly vouched.

EDWIN O. DINSMOOR, { *Auditors.*
LEWIS L. FISH, }

SCHOOL COMMITTEE'S REPORT.

The Superintendent of Schools, for the town of Windham, presents the following report of the schools for 1879-80.

DISTRICT NO. 1.

Miss Fannie M. Webster, of Derry, a teacher of experience and ability, taught the three successive terms of this school to the satisfaction of parents and committee. The improvement was marked. Order was not as good as we would wish. A few of the large boys thought it the mark of gentlemen to laugh, whisper and annoy the teacher in every way they could invent. It was my unpleasant duty to dismiss one boy the last part of the second term. He returned the third and gave a good account of himself. The following pupils deserve special mention for their correct deportment and scholarly attainments. Lizzie M. Dinsmoor, Alice F. Haseltine, Nellie C. Parker, Ella M. Reed, Nettie D. Taylor, Grace C. Hanson, Geo. W. Dinsmoor, Geo. A. Haseltine, Charles O. Parker, Herbert W. Haseltine, Elmer H. Cochran others have done well.

DISTRICT NO. 2.

The first term was taught by Miss Abbie C. Packard, of Windham. She is deserving of high praise for the high standing which the school attained. The order was perfect. The second term Miss S. Lucy Proctor, of Windham, continued to give the school

a still higher standing. It was regreted by all that she could not have taught the third term. The third term was taught by Miss Nellie S. Dickey, of Derry. Although a good teacher she did not create the ambition in the pupils as did her predecessors. The school was small in number, but with such earnest scholars as Flora M. Coran, Abbie F. Emery, Lillie A. Haseltine, Alletie V. Simpson and Amy N. Prescott a teacher will ever find her time all taken.

DISTRICT NO. 3.

The three successive terms of this school was taught by Miss Abbie F. Palmer, of Derry, and truly can she claim the honor of the queen of teachers. The scholars made rapid strides, giving good satisfaction to parents and committees. She has a love for her work and gives all her energies to her work. The order was good and for so large a school second to none. It is the wish of all to secure her services another year.

DISTRICT NO. 4.

Miss Josie L. Chace, of Londonderry, taught this school acceptably to all. She infused a spirit of go-a-head in her pupils. Though few in numbers, it will compare favorably with larger ones. She has perfect control of her pupils, without the fear of punishment. The school appeared well, and has made good progress. The order was all that could be wished.

DISTRICT No. 5.

This school was taught by Miss Nellie A. Robie, of Londonderry. The scholars have made good use of their time in the two terms. Parents take great interest in the welfare of their children in this district, which is a great pleasure to the teacher, and excites the ambition of the child. The order was good. I cannot conclude, without taking notice of Miss Ella A. Barker, and Annie J. Blanchard, the two best scholars in town, and one will have to search long and late to find better in other towns, having the same advantages, their deportment perfect. May their future be as happy and prosperous, as the past has been bright and promising. Also, Mary E. Fish, a little girl, will cause many an elder one to look well for their laurels. Well may their parents feel a pride in their accomplishments.

DISTRICT NO. 6.

The two first terms were taught by Miss Lottie E. Harris, of Windham. The winter term by Frank J. Demeritt, of Derry, who proved the right man in the right place. The school was not acquainted with heaven's first law, order, but he soon gave the scholars to understand the meaning of the word, and the order was good. Although his first trial as teacher, he was not found wanting. Percy J. Call has been perfect in attendance four and a half years.

DISTRICT NO. 7.

The two terms of this school was taught by Miss Annie S. H. Palmer, of Derry. The pupils were very backward in their studies at the commencement of the first term, living long distances from school and not having but one term during the year. Although the teacher's first trial she soon gave evidence that her heart was in her work by the rapid advancement of the pupils. The examination was all that the friends could desire. The singing of the pupils was finely rendered. Order good. If the district will engage her another year the pupils will be fortunate indeed. Record of standing of the scholars that have attained 100: Lizzie M. Dinsmoor, Alice F. Haseltine, Nellie C. Parker, Ella M. Reed, Charles O. Parker, Flora M. Coran, Abbie F. Emery, Lillie A. Haseltine, Alettie V. Simpson, Amy N. Prescott, Nellie M. Alexander, Jennie M. Bodwell, Lillie M. Clark, Cinderilla J. Moore, Mabel P. Campbell, H. Reed Campbell, Fred A. Campbell Chas. A. Barker, Chas. A. Campbell, Annie J. Blanchard, Ella A. Barker, Jennie L. Davidson, Mary E. Fish, Abbie M. Smith, Hattie M. Smith, Luther M. Smith, Chas. A. Goodwin, Freddie O. Webster, Flora B. Palmer, Ella M. Harris, Lizzie M. Hayes, Edith G. Frye, Minnie D. Palmer, Geo. Griffin, J. E. Anderson, Chas. K. Seavey, Gracie F. Davis, Alice L. Owens, Minnie Stevens, Gracie C. Hanson.

P. COMMITTEES AND TEACHERS.

P. Com.		Teachers.		
District.	Summer.	Fall.	Winter.	
No. 1, John W. Hanson,	Fannie M. Webster,	Fannie M. Webster,	Fannie M. Webster,	
" 2, Geo. W. Noyes,	Abbie C. Packard,	S. Lucy Proctor,	Nellie S. Dickey,	
" 3, Henry Clark,	Abbie F. Palmer,	Abbie F. Palmer,	Abbie F. Palmer.	
" 4, John A. Moore,	Josie L. Chase.	Josie L. Chase,	Josie L. Chase.	
" 5, Chas. A. Barker,	Nellie A. Robie,	Nellie A. Robie,		
" 6, Wm. C. Harris,	Lottie Harris,	Lottie Harris,	Frank J. Demoritt.	
" 7, Chas. H. Davis,	Annie S. H. Palmer,	Annie S. H. Palmer,		

SCHOOL STATISTICS.

	Summer.												Fall.												Winter.											
No. of Districts	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	
Length of school in weeks of five days	8	8	8	10	9	9	8	8	8	8	8	8	8	8	8	8	8	8	8	8	8	8	8	8	8	8	8	8	8	8	8	8	8	8		
Wages per month including board	\$28	28	24	19	22	27	22	32	28	24	30	22	27	22	32	28	24	30	22	27	22	32	28	24	30	22	27	22	32	28	24	30	22	27		
Number of scholars 4 years and upwards	20	8	24	7	10	22	8	19	6	27	10	12	21	12	24	11	26	11	19																	
Average attendance	18	7	22	6	9	20	7	17	5	23	10	11	18	9	21	7	18	9	12																	
No. of visits by Superintendent	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2																	
No. of visits by Prudential committee	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1																	
No. of visits by parents and others	28	22	31	6	20	30	13	17	9	19	6	21	23	25	25	22	26	6	34																	
No. of visits by scholars attending to reading	20	8	24	7	10	22	8	20	6	27	10	12	21	12	24	11	26	11	19																	
No. of visits by scholars attending to spelling	20	8	24	7	10	22	8	20	6	27	10	12	21	12	24	11	26	11	19																	
No. of visits by scholars attending to penmanship	11	5	23	5	6	10	3	11	5	25	7	6	5	6	5	6	7	20	8	15																
No. of visits by scholars attending to arithmetic	17	8	20	5	7	12	6	18	6	26	8	8	13	8	21	9	23	9	15																	
No. of visits by scholars attending to geography	10	4	13	4	5	10	4	12	4	5	10	4	14	5	7	4	9																			
No. of visits by scholars attending to grammar	9	4	5	3	4	4	8	4	5	6	4	3	2	4	4	5	4	5																		
No. of visits by scholars attending to composition																																				
No. of visits by scholars attending to U. S. history																																				
No. of visits by scholars attending to physiology																																				
No. of visits by scholars attending to book keeping																																				
No. of visits by scholars attending to drawing																																				
No. of visits by scholars attending to vocal music																																				
No. of visits by scholars attending to phylosophy																																				
No. of visits by scholars attending to algebra																																				
No. of visits by scholars attending to geometry																																				
No. of visits by scholars attending to physical geography																																				

Fractions omitted.

GENERAL REMARKS.

By the consent of the Selectmen I have put into every school a map of the State of New Hampshire, the want of which has long been felt. It will, I am sure, prove a valuable requisition ; also have furnished the schools with Harper's geography and Greenleaf's arithmetic. I would call your attention to the school house in No. 2, it being in a damp, dark and dreary situation. If it were moved nearer the road, or if the trees could be removed that surrounded it upon two sides and one end. In cloudy days the school room is dark, causing the pupils to overwork their eyes. The schools of Windham will compare favorably with those of other towns. The parents are taking great interest in the education of their children. All the registers show a good representation on the visitors' list. There has been great improvement in all of the schools the past year ; teachers have worked hard to keep their school at the front rank, while the scholars have ably supported them in their endeavor. I have performed my duties to the best of my ability, earnestly striving to give satisfaction. For your kindness I thank you and feel that you conferred an honor upon me in electing me to the responsible post of Superintendent. My professional duties will not admit of my serving another year. I would say that the duties require a large amount of time, and a superintendent should be one that can find time. If anything is worth doing well it surely is the education of the young.

DANIEL W. DIMOCK,

Superintending School Committee.

Windham, Feb. 28, 1880.

REPORT

OF THE

TRUSTEES OF NESMITH LIBRARY

FOR 1879 - 1880.

STATEMENT OF ACCOUNTS.

	PAID.	
Lockwood, Brooks & Co., for books,	\$59 08	
Lee & Shepherd, for book,	1 00	
Express in procuring books,	3 80	
For covering paper,	1 80	
Money in hands of trustees,	8 09	
		<u>\$73 77</u>
Money in hands of trustees, March 1, 1879,	\$2 18	
Received interest on fund from town,	60 00	
" from fines,	5 99	
" from town for expenses in procuring books,	3 80	
Received from town for covering paper,	1 80	
		<u>\$73 77</u>
Number of volumes in the library at the commencement of the year,	2186	
Number at present time, not reckoning duplicates nor vacant numbers,	2244	

Number taken from library during the year,	4353
Largest number taken during any one month, which was March, 1879, . .	537
Smallest number taken during one month, which was July, 1879,	276
Largest number taken in a single day which was Feb. 7, 1880,	96

To the inhabitants of Windham :—

The Trustees of Nesmith Library, in presenting their ninth annual report to the town, are able to reaffirm with pleasure their conviction that the library in their care, and founded for the welfare of the inhabitants of this town, is accomplishing in a good degree, from year to year, the beneficent designs of its founder. It speaks well for the reading character of the people, their intelligence, and their appreciation of such a library, that it is so well patronized, as appear from the report of the librarian, as above stated. Those leisure hours, that may be found in the midst of our various employments, are wisely spent when we devote them to useful reading, or such reading as not only entertains, but improves the mind by its multiplied resources of knowledge and wisdom thus acquired. The mind and heart as well as body, need food suited to their nature, in order to a healthy, happy and useful development of our being; and a good library contributes with other means, to such a result.

It is the continued aim of the Trustees, in expending the annuity provided for additions to the library, to procure books of varied interest and character, such as will give additional value to the library, and be of real and permanent interest to all who patronize it.

Several volumes have been presented to the library during the year, viz : one by L. A. Morrison, Esq.; eight by the State of New Hampshire, and two by the U. S. Government, for which we would tender to the several parties donating them, our sincere thanks.

At the last annual meeting of the Trustees the temporary librarian, Mr. W. S. Harris, resigned his office and as the librarian, who had served so many years, could not be induced to resume

the office, Mr. W. K. Milner, was chosen librarian, who has commended himself to the Trustees and patrons of the library by a faithful attention to his duties. The library in his care has been well preserved, and the wants of its patrons have been kindly and promptly attended to.

The vote of the town to provide more room for books, has been carried into effect by the Selectmen. Neat and well protected alcoves have been built that will receive from 600 to 700 volumes, and will afford sufficient room for ten or twelve years

CHARLES PACKARD,
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Board of Trustees.

Windham, March 1, 1880.

